PUBLIC NOTICE

Blue Grass Arm Depot (BGAD)

Tentative Approval of Chemical Munitions Storage Management Work Plan Richmond, Kentucky – Madison County

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (Cabinet), Division of Waste Management, received a work plan from BGAD to ensure the safe storage of munitions and containers holding chemical warfare nerve agents GB (Sarin) and VX and the blister agent H (Mustard). BGAD is located at 431 Battlefield Memorial Highway, Richmond, KY 40475. **The facility contact is Todd Williams, 859-779-6280.**

What will be done and why? This work plan is a renewal of a work plan approved by the Cabinet on July 1, 2008. The only exception is that the three one-ton containers have been removed since they no longer exist on the depot due to Operation Swift Solution. The original work plan expires on June 30, 2009. Periodically, the movement and restacking on pallets of chemical munitions is required in order to maintain compliance with the Department of Defense guidelines and to accomplish risk reduction initiatives. This work plan outlines the manual or mechanical handling, upkeep, and general housekeeping functions that will be performed. The individual operations will be restricted to the confines of the igloo interior. These igloos are located inside the double fenced boundary of the Chemical Limited Area. Chemical munitions or container holding chemical warfare agents will not be moved outside of their storage igloos. This work plan covers repalletizing and re-warehousing activities. Re-palletizing, means removing munitions from a pallet and putting them on a new pallet. Re-warehousing means relocating, adjusting, and/or restacking pallets within an igloo. Examples of typical maintenance tasks involving this work plan include, but are not limited to; rewarehousing a leaning stack of palletized munitions so it is not touching the igloo wall, adjusting a stack of chemical munitions to ensure stability and appropriate spacing, and moving pallets to address moisture problems in igloos. Operational steps include notification of the Kentucky and Madison County Emergency Management Agencies of planned activities on a given day. The Work Plan will be effective for one (1) year.

How can I tell the Division what I think about this tentative approval? Public involvement is encouraged and comments are welcome. Anyone wishing to comment on the tentative decision to approve this Work Plan should submit comments to the Cabinet on or before June 25, 2009, the close of the public comment period. Comments should be submitted to one of the following addresses with all issues of concern clearly stated. Electronic comments should be submitted to shannonl.powers@ky.gov. Written comments should be mailed to April Webb, Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, 502-564-6716.

Where can I review the documents used to make this tentative decision?

Madison Co. Public Library, Richmond, 507 W. Main Street, Richmond, KY 40475

Contact: Sue Hays, 859-623-6704. E-mail: suehays@madisonlibrary.org *Madison Co. Public Library, Berea*, 319 E. Chestnut Street, Berea, KY 40403

Contact: Abigail Harris, 859-986-7112. E-mail: abbieh@madisonlibrary.org

Eastern Kentucky University Public Library, 521 Lancaster Avenue, Richmond, KY 40475

Contact: Linda Sizemore 859-622-2068. E-mail: linda.sizemore@eku.edu

Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, 1000 Commercial Drive, Suite 2, Richmond, KY 40475

Contact: Stephanie Parrett, 859-626-8944. E-mail: bgoutreach@bah.com
Division of Waste Management, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601

Contact: Tina Fisher, 502-564-6716. E-mail: tina.fisher@ky.gov

What will the Cabinet do with the comments?

All comments received by June 25, 2009, will be considered when making a final decision. Anyone submitting comments will be mailed a "response to public comments" document specifying any changes made or not made, with the reasons why, as a result of the comment(s) submitted. The Cabinet does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in the provision of services. When requested, the Cabinet provides reasonable accommodations for a public hearing (such as an interpreter) or alternate formats for printed information. Contact Shannon Powers at 502-564-6716 for assistance.